



# ENGLISH LANGUAGE ZONE

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English (Compulsory)- First Paper

Time : 3 hours Full marks : 100

[N.B. Answer all the questions. The figures in the right margin indicate full marks.]

### Part-A : Reading Test [Marks-50]

Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

'Heritage' is what we inherit from the past, live with them in the present and then pass on to our children or future generation. Our unique source of life and inspiration is our cultural and natural heritage. When we speak of 'World Heritage', it indicates places and sites that we inherited from the past and pass on to the future generation of the entire world.

The 'Shat Gombuj Mosque' in Bagerhat is such a heritage. It became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985.

Originally, the historic Mosque City was known as 'Khalifatabad'. It is situated at the outskirts of Bagerhat town--- not very far from the dense mangrove forest of the Sundarbans. Khalifatabad was a Muslim colony. It was founded by the Turkish general, a saint warrior Ulugh Khan Jahan in the 15th century. The infrastructure of the city reveals significant technical skills in many mosques as well as early Islamic monuments. Baked bricks were used for the construction of the buildings. The planning of the city was dominated by the tradition of Islamic architecture and the decorations were a combination of Mughal and Turkish architecture.

Khan Jahan built a network of roads, bridges, public buildings and reservoirs to make the city habitable. There were about 360 mosques in the city. Among them the most remarkable is the multi-domed Shat Gombuj Mosque. The mosque is unique in the sense that it has 60 pillars that support the roof, with 77

low height domes. The 4 towers at 4 corners have smaller domes at the top as well. The vast prayer hall has 11 arched doorways on the east and 7 each on the north and south for light and ventilation. It has 7 aisles running along the length of the mosque and 11 deep curves between the slender stone columns. These columns support the curving arches created by the domes. The thickness of the arches is 6 feet and have slightly narrowing hollow and round wall.

The west wall in the interior has 11 'mihrabs' (niche in mosque pointing towards Makkah). These mihrabs are decorated with stonework and terracotta. The floor of the mosque is made of brick.

Besides being used as a prayer hall, Khan Jahan used the mosque as his court too. Today, it is one of the greatest tourist attractions and one of the best architectural beauties of Bangladesh. [Unit-8; Lesson-1(B)]

### 1. Choose the correct answer from the following alternatives.

1 × 7 = 7

- (a) What is the main purpose of the author of the text?
- i. To show heroism of Khan Jahan Ali.                      ii. To show the infrastructure of Bagerhat town.  
iii. To represent Shat Gombuj Mosque built by Khan Jahan Ali.  
iv. To introduce Khan Jahan Ali to the readers.
- (b) Which of the following describes Khan Jahan Ali best?
- i. Brave                      ii. Kind                      iii. Philanthropic                      iv. Warrior
- (c) Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word 'Unique' used in the text?
- i. Common                      ii. General                      iii. Second to none                      iv. Universal
- (d) The word 'outskirt' in the text can be replaced by \_\_\_\_.
- i. suburb                      ii. centre                      iii. corner                      iv. outside
- (e) What is the antonym of the word 'reveal'?
- i. Disclose                      ii. Display                      iii. Conceal                      iv. Recall
- (f) How many gombujes are there in the mosque in total?
- i. 60                      ii. Less than 70                      iii. More than 70                      iv. More than 80
- (g) The word 'slender' in the text stands for \_\_\_\_.
- i. thick                      ii. wide                      iii. large                      iv. lean

### 2. Answer the following questions.

2 × 5 = 10

- (a) What do you mean by 'World Heritage'?
- (b) What makes the mosque unique?
- (c) What is a 'Mihrab'? Describe it in 2/3 sentences.
- (d) How was the mosque used?
- (e) What does the infrastructure of the city reveal?



3. Read the following text and fill in each gap with a suitable word based on the information of the text. 1 × 5 = 5

Fish population is in serious danger from global warming. Climate change is increasing the water temperature in rivers, lakes and seas. This means there is less food and oxygen available for fish. It also means the fish may not grow fully and may have fewer offsprings. Some fishes will become extinct if temperatures rise even one or two degrees Celsius.

Climate change increases the pressure on fish population. Fishes are one of the world's most valuable biological assets. Forty percent of people in the world eat fish as their main source of protein. If we fail to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, we will increase the pressure on fish. As a result, people who depend on fish will suffer from hunger and poverty. [Unit-5: Lesson-4(C)]

- Global warming raises the stress on fish population. Fish is one of the most (a) — assets. Many people of the world eat fish as their main source of protein. Many people also earn their (b) — by fishing. But they are not free from danger. Global warming is the major (c) — for their extinction. Climate change bears a great effect on their lives. If global warming cannot be (d) —, the full growth of fish will be hindered. Even they won't be (e) — to produce. If temperature goes on rising by one or two degrees, fish may face extinction.

- Read the following text carefully and answer the question no. 4 and 5 :

Subhas Chandra Bose (23 January 1897–18 August 1945) aged 48 was an Indian nationalist whose attempt during World War II was to rid India of British rule with the help of Germany and Japan left a trouble legacy. The honorific Netaji (Hindustani language : Respected leader) first applied to Bose in Germany, by the Indian soldiers of the Indische Legion and by the German and Indian officials in the Special Bureau for India in Berlin, in nearly 1942, was by 1990 used widely throughout India. Earlier, Bose had been a leader of the younger, radical, wing of the Indian National Congress in the late 1920s and 1930s, rising to become Congress President in 1938 and 1939. However, he was ousted from Congress leadership positions in 1939 following differences with Mohandas K Gandhi and the Congress high command. He was subsequently placed under house arrest by the British before escaping from India in 1940.

4. Complete the following table with information from the passage. 1 × 5 = 5

Who/What	Event/Activity	Time/Place
Subhas Chandra Bose	(i) —	in India in 1897.
World War-II	took place	(ii) —
He	Congress President	(iii) —
(iv) —	placed Bose under house arrest	
Subhas Bose	died at the age of	(v) —

5. Write a summary of the above passage in your own words. 10

6. Match the parts of sentences given in column 'A' 'B' and 'C' to write five complete sentences. 1 × 5 = 5

Column 'A'	Column 'B'	Column 'C'
(a) Bassanio	i. had thought of an unusual plan	i. grandly dressed, with many servants.
(b) Portia's father	ii. wanted a man to marry Portia for herself	ii. lately.
(c) Before his death he	iii. went to Belmont to visit Portia	iii. and not for her wealth.
(d) He	iv. had	iv. to find a good husband for his daughter.
(e) He	v. had died	v. three caskets made, one of gold, one of silver and one of lead.

7. Put the following parts of the story in correct order to make the whole story. Only the corresponding numbers of the sentences need to be written. 1 × 8 = 8

- The king asked him why he was making such a small boat.
- Napoleon, the king of France, was a great hero.
- One day he was walking along the sea-shore.
- He won many battles and conquered many countries of Europe.
- The boy said, "I shall cross the sea and go to my home."
- Suddenly he noticed a wonderful thing.
- The boy was brought before him.
- An English boy was making a small boat.